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### Agency Information

*(Carefully read the instructions before completing this form)*

#### 1. Agency Information

- a. Agency Name USFS - Eldorado National Forest
- b. Organizational Unit
- c. Address 100 Forni Road
- e. City Placerville State CA Zip 95667
- f. Federal Id Number 53-0661521 DUNS Number
- g. Agency fiscal year (beginning month and day) October-01
- h. Agency Type (Please check one)
- ☐ City ☐ County ☒ U.S. Forest Service
- ☐ U.S. Forest Service - Patrol District ☐ U.S. Bureau of Land Management ☐ Other Federal Agency
- ☐ Federally Recognized Native American Tribe ☐ Educational Institution ☐ Nonprofit Organization - 501(c)(3) status only
- ☐ State Agency ☐ District

#### 2. Project Information

- a. Project Name General Application Requirements
- b. Is implementing agency same as Agency (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- c. Implementing Agency Name
- d. Amount of Funds Requested Project Cost

#### Project Request(s) Summary

#	Project Type	Project Title	Grant Request	Match	Total Project Cost
1	G08-02-03-D01	Mud Lake Trailhead Development	107,000	38,000	145,000
2	G08-02-03-R01	Restoration - Rock Creek Area	47,000	22,000	69,000
3	G08-02-03-R02	Restoration - El Dorado Manzanita	17,000	11,000	28,000
4		TOTAL	171,000	71,000	242,000

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### 3. Contact

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**A. Location Map**

Attachments:

[Location Map](#)

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**A. Equipment Inventory**

Has your agency purchased any Equipment with OHV Trust Funds within the last five (5) ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 years? (Please select Yes or No)

#	Item Description	Make	Model	Model Year	Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or Serial Number	Project Agreement Number
1	Motorcycle	Pitster	Pro X4	2007	A2BDR4437U006269	G07-02-03-L01
2	Motorcycle	Kawasaki	KLX 250cc	2009	JKALXMT129DA02758	G07-02-03-L01
3	Motorcycle	Kawasaki	KLX 140Lcc	2008	JKBLXPB188DA01515	G07-02-03-L01
4	Snowmobile	Arctic Cat	M-8 800cc	2009	4UF09SNW99T105526	G07-02-03-L01
5	Snowmobile	Arctic Cat	M-8 800cc	2009	4UF09SNW39T107580	G07-02-03-L01
6	All Terrain Vehicle	Polaris	Sportsman 400	2005	4XAMH42A25B412351	OR-2-E-56
7	All Terrain Vehicle	Polaris	Sportsman 400	2005	4XAMH42A25B412353	OR-2-E-56

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**PART 1 - ITEM 1. DETERMINE THE NEED FOR FULL FULL HABITAT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (HMP)**

**All Applicants submitting Projects involving Ground Disturbing Activities are subject to HMP requirements. The HMP must cover the combined Project Area of all proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities.**

**Applicants able to certify that none of the proposed activities listed in the Application in areas open to legal OHV Recreation contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit only HMP Part 1. Applicants who cannot certify that the proposed activities listed in the Application in areas open to legal OHV Recreation do not contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats shall submit HMP Parts 1 and 2.**

1. Do any of your proposed projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)
2. Can the Applicant certify that none of the proposed Projects with Ground Disturbing Activities in areas open to legal OHV Recreation contain any risk factors to special-status species and/or sensitive habitats? (If you checked 'Yes', you are done with HMP) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

**PART 2 - RISK ANALYSIS, MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND REPORTING**

**PART 2 - Section I. Summary of HMP Changes**

Has the Applicant previously submitted a HMP Part 2 that is currently in use in the proposed Project Area? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Table 1 - Summary of HMP Changes**

Changes from Previous Year	Section Where Change Occurs
No Change	No Change

**PART 2 - Section II - Special Status Species**

**Table 2 - Table of All Special-Status Species and Any Other Species of Local Concern That Were Considered for Inclusion in the HMP**

Species	Listing Status	Habitat	Potential for Occurrence	Addressed by HMP? If not explain why?

**PART 2 - Section III - Map(s) of Project Area**

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat**

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 3**

**Table 3 - Data (Including Baseline Data) and Management Program for Species and/or Sensitive Habitats**

Species/Habitat	Known Information	Methodology	Concerns / Risks / Uncertainties	Management Objective(s)	Management Action(s)	Success Criteria

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 4**

**Table 4: Summary of HMP Monitoring Program**

Species/Habitat	Change Detection Methodology	Effectiveness Monitoring Methodology, Including Triggers	Identify Any Applicable Validation Monitoring (Focused Studies)

**PART 2 - Section IV. - Management/Monitoring Program by Species and Sensitive Habitat - Table 5**

**Table 5. Management Review and Response; Adaptive Management**

Monitoring Methodology	How Monitoring Information Will Inform Management	How Data Will Be Analyzed	Management Response to Identified Triggers	Who Will Plan Management Response

**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results**

**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 6**

**Table 6: Previous Year's Monitoring Results**

Monitoring Accomplishments	Results	Were Objectives and Success Criteria Achieved?
In the two field seasons of 2007 and 2008, wildlife crews conducted spotted owl surveys on approximately 2,780 acres surrounding the Gold Note OHV trail system in the Sopiago watershed on the Amador RD of the Eldorado NF.	In 2008, Spotted Owl surveys were conducted in the Sopiago spotted owl PAC survey areas. These survey areas are located near the Gold Note OHV trail system. Several of these PACs had spotted owl responses in 2008 but nesting status was not verified as there were fewer surveys conducted than required under the spotted owl survey protocol standards. Surveys indicate continued presence of spotted owls but status was not confirmed in 2008.	Survey objectives were accomplished. Additional spotted owl surveys to be conducted in 2009 to determine if success criteria is being achieved.

In the 2008, wildlife crews surveyed the Rock Creek Recreational Management Area for nesting northern goshawks and California spotted owls. They also surveyed PACs along Bottle Hill Road for the North American Train Rider's Conference event.	In the Rock Creek Recreational Management Area, three northern goshawk PACs were surveyed during the 2008 survey season for the 2008 Fool's Gold Enduro; G08-02, G08-03, G23-04. The three PACs were only surveyed using the dawn acoustical method. Of these PACs only one had an aural detection, G08-03. This PAC also was surveyed by the stand search method, but no birds were detected.	Survey objectives were accomplished. Additional spotted owl and goshawk surveys are being conducted in 2009 and 2010 to meet R5 protocol for surveys of all PACs and HRCAs within the management area.
On the Placerville RD, wildlife crews conducted surveys for the California spotted owl during the 2008 field season following the Forest Service Region 5 California Spotted Owl Protocol. Survey coverage was focused in the Elkins Flat OHV Trail area around established California spotted owl Protected Activity Centers (PACs) to establish current use of 4 of these PACs.	The 2008 spotted owl survey results indicate that all four PACs had at least one spotted owl present. A confirmed pair was located in ED-063. A male adult and female adult were confirmed in ED-115, however pair status to protocol was not confirmed. Two adults of unidentified gender were confirmed in ED-162 and one adult male resident was confirmed in ED-208.	Survey objectives were accomplished. Additional spotted owl surveys to be conducted in 2009 to establish protocol pair status for ED-115 and either pair status or resident status for ED-162. Additional surveys for ED-208 could also be done to assess if the status has elevated from resident male to pair.
In the field season of 2008, wildlife crews conducted spotted owl and northern goshawk surveys in the Airport Flat and South Fork Road areas on Pacific RD of the Eldorado NF	Approximately 1,500 acres of goshawk monitoring was performed. Approximately 3,500 acres of spotted owl monitoring was performed. The 3 owl PACs in this area were all found to not have reproduced this year. The cause of this lack of reproduction is unknown.	Survey objectives were accomplished.

**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 7**

**Table 7: Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results**

Management Actions	Species/ Habitat	Date Completed or Planned - mm/dd/yyyy	Changes Needed to HMP
Closed Mace Mill road as a result of a positive auditory detection of a northern goshawk during dawn acoustical surveys.	Northern goshawk	07/30/2008	No needed changes have been identified.

Continue monitoring of northern goshawk and California spotted owl monitoring in concentrated OHV areas.	Northern goshawk and California spotted owl	10/31/2009	No needed changes have been identified.
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**PART 2 - Section V. - Previous Year's Monitoring Results and Management Actions Based on Monitoring Results - Table 8**

**Table 8 Management Actions Taken in Response to HMP-related Public Concerns**

Concern Raised by Public	Actions Taken to Address the Concern
Public was concerned that surveys were completed too close to enduro event and a re-route was difficult with a limited time frame.	2009 surveys were completed a month prior to the enduro date.



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**A. Soil Conservation**

- a. Do any of your proposed projects involve Ground Disturbing Activities? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)

**B. Soil Conservation Plan**

Attachments:

[ENF 2009 Soil Conservation Plan](#)

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**A. Public Notification Efforts**

Check all that apply: (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Notice to interested Parties/Groups (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format) [03/02/2009]
- ☒ Published on Applicant's Website (Enter date in mm/dd/yyyy format) [03/02/2009]
- ☐ Published in Newspaper
- ☐ News Release Issued
- ☒ Public Meeting(s) Hearing(s) Held

**B. Public Comments**

Nine individuals commented on the Eldorado Forest's preliminary applications. Four commenters said that they support the applications in general, and noted their support for the various projects. One commenter did not support the applications other than for restoration (this commenter questioned why the Forest had not submitted an application for law enforcement, although we have). Of the specific projects, two commenters said they support the Law Enforcement project, two said they support the ground operations project, three said they support the Rock Creek development project, one supported the Mud Lake development project and two supported the Rock Creek restoration and El Dorado Manzanita restoration projects. Two commenters pointed out that they did not support the project for funding of the motor vehicle use maps (MVUM). One commenter supported the need for the MVUM, but suggested that it should be included as part of the ground operations project, rather than under education and safety. One commenter noted in their support for the Rock Creek restoration project that this project is related to the Rock Creek development project and that it is important to complete the trail re-routes (development) before restoring the replaced trail segments. One commenter noted that the El Dorado Manzanita restoration project did not show any volunteer contributions and questioned whether this project had support from OHV users. One commenter asked that the law enforcement patrols be scheduled to avoid the need for funding overtime, and asked that the Forest not charge permittees for permitted events for law enforcement associated with those events. The commenter noted that the sound testing is done by volunteers and that the enforcement of vehicle registration requirements should be a part of normal law enforcement responsibilities.

**C. Application Development as a result of Public Comments**

- a. Were changes made to the Application as a result of public comments? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)
- b. Describe how public comments affected the Application

The map preparation portion of the Education and Safety project was moved into the Ground Operations project. The El Dorado Manzanita project narrative was modified to reflect support from the public for this project. The Law Enforcement project was modified to show that law enforcement costs are not collected for permitted events, since the work is done through volunteers and as routine work of law enforcement patrols.

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## 1. Applicant Certifications

### A. General Conditions

- A. The Applicant hereby certifies, under the penalty of perjury, compliance with the following ☒ terms and conditions:
1. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees to monitor the condition of soils and wildlife in the Project Area each year in order to determine whether the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to Public Resource Code (PRC), Section 5090.35 and the HMP prepared pursuant to Section 5090.53(a) are being met.
  2. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion, to repair and prevent accelerated erosion, until the same soil conservation standard adopted pursuant to PRC Section 5090.35 is met.
  3. If the Project involves a Ground Disturbing Activity, the Applicant agrees that, whenever the HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is not being met in any portion of a Project Area, the recipient shall close temporarily that noncompliant portion until the same HMP prepared pursuant to PRC Section 5090.53(a) is met.
  4. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of off-highway motor vehicles and the other provisions of Division 16.5 (commencing with Section 38000) of the Vehicle Code and to enforce the other applicable laws regarding the operation of off-highway motor vehicles.
  5. The Applicant agrees to cooperate with appropriate law enforcement entities to provide proper law enforcement at and around the Facility.
  6. The Applicant's Project is in accordance with local or federal plans and the strategic plan for OHV Recreation prepared by the OHMVR Division.

### B. Programmatic Conditions

#### B. The Applicant must describe the following programmatic conditions:

1. Identify the potential for the facility to reduce illegal and unauthorized OHV Recreation activities in the surrounding areas:

To prevent OHV intrusion into closed or sensitive areas, the ENF will enforce the new Motor Vehicle Use Map restricting motor vehicle travel off designated roads or trails. This restriction protects semi-primitive non-motorized areas, research natural areas, meadows, and other sensitive areas. The Forest utilizes FPO and LEO patrols to enforce the MVUM. The Forest also educates the public about the restrictions by regularly producing press releases, posting information on our website, bulletin boards, in offices, etc., and by attending public events and meetings (County Fairs, club meetings and events, etc.). The Forest has installed signs, barriers, and gates to prohibit travel in sensitive areas. Enforcement of the MVUM will prevent some incursions into private land, particularly where the private landowners have attempted to restrict access to their lands.

2. Describe how the Applicant is meeting the operations and maintenance needs of any existing OHV Recreation Facility under its jurisdiction:

The Eldorado Forest is applying for ground operations funding to supplement federal funds received by the agency, along with other partnerships and volunteer efforts. The Forest has hired seasonal and permanent staff to complete road and trail maintenance, install and maintain signs and barriers, and maintain other facilities that support OHV recreation. We have also been working diligently with various clubs and groups to complete volunteer trail maintenance projects as well as to provide public information and education.

### C. Fee Collection

Describe how fees collected pursuant to Section 38230 of the Vehicle Code (in-lieu funds) are utilized and whether

the fees complement the Applicant's proposed Project:

**D. Compliance with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C)**

Projects within the O&M category that affect lands identified as inventoried roadless areas by the U.S. Forest Service, are compliant with PRC 5090.50(b)(1)(C). (Please select Yes or No)

☒ Yes ☐ No

**2. Governing Body Resolution**

**3. Land Manager Authorization**

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## 1. OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

### 1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary

- a. Does the land manager agency provide legal OHV riding opportunity? (Please select ☒ Yes ☐ No Yes or No)

Starting (Month/Year) 10/2006 Ending (Month/Year) 09/2007

- b. Off-Highway Vehicle Opportunity Ratio (OHV Ratio) opportunity

- i. Months of OHV Opportunity (OHV Months) 12

- ii. Total Miles Of Routes Available For OHV Recreation 1183

- iii. Total Acres Of Open Riding Available For OHV Recreation 25000

- iv. OHV Visitation (visitor days) 431250

- v. Ratio of OHV Visitation/OHV Opportunity 16.47

### 1 OHV Visitor Opportunity Summary (2)

- c. Reference Document that support the responses to a. and b. on previous page

Eldorado Travel Management FEIS, Eldorado Nat'l Visitor Use Monitoring

- d. Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) = OHV Ratio x OHV Months / 12 16.47

Visitor Opportunity Ratio (V/O Ratio) Score 3

## 2. Quality of OHV Opportunity

Land Manager's OHV program 12

Check all that apply (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available for distribution at no cost (2 points)  
☒ Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown is available on the Land Manager's website (2 points)  
☒ Map indicates relative difficulty of each OHV trail (2 points)  
☒ Map indicates appropriate OHV use type (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, etc.) (2 points)  
☒ At least fifty percent of the staging areas include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures) (2 points)  
☒ Majority of trail intersections are signed with information such as: trail names, directional signs, relative difficulty, mileage to next feature (2 points)

## 3. Variety of OHV Opportunity

- a. Skill levels (e.g., beginner, intermediate, advanced) indicated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with relative difficulty 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 3 or more skill levels (5 points) ☐ 2 skill levels (3 points)  
☐ 1 skill level (1 point) ☐ Land Manager has no legal OHV riding opportunity (No points)

- b. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV, RUV, Sand Rail/Dune Buggy) 6

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (6 points) ☐ Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (3 points)

☐ Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)

☐ Land Manager has no legal OHV riding opportunity (No points)

#### 4. Agency Contribution

Cost of OHV Program for Land Manager's most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead): 979500

% Funded by OHV Trust Fund (do not include in-lieu funds): 1

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No OHV Trust Funds were used (6 points)

☐ 10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (4 points)

☐ 11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)

☒ 26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)

☐ More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (No points)

Reference Document

Cost of 2008 OHV Program Management Estimate

#### 5. Project Performance

For Applicant's OHV grant Projects which reached the end of the Project performance period within the last two years, the percentage of all deliverables accomplished 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ 100% of Deliverable accomplished (5 points)

☐ 75% to 99% of Deliverables accomplished (3 points)

☐ Less than 75% of Deliverables accomplished (No points)

☐ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)

#### 6. Previous Year Performance

In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit. 3

FOR DIVISION USE ONLY (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit (3 points)

☐ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)

☐ In the previous year the Applicant has not been responsive (No points)

#### 7. Prevention of OHV trespass

##### 7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Fence (Page 1)

- a. Is site a completely fenced facility such that OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas is prevented? 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (answer items b and c)

☐ Yes (10 points, explain and then skip to item 8)

Explain 'Yes' response:

##### 7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Patrol (Page 2)

- b. The majority of OHV Opportunity areas are patrolled (Check the one most appropriate) 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ At least 5 days per week (5 points)  
☐ At least once per week (3 points)  
☐ At least once per month (1 point)  
☐ Less than once per month (No points)

Explain patrol efforts (e.g., frequency of patrol, patrol personnel, percent of lands covered by patrols)

The Forest utilizes FPOs and LEOs for patrols. Patrols are conducted on each Ranger District throughout the year, although focusing during the use periods and periods with resource protection closures. Patrols are conducted at least 5 days a week, primarily on weekends, holidays and the days leading to the weekends. Patrol staff attempt to cover as many of the open routes as possible across the Forest (1,002 miles of roads, 210 miles of trails, 60 miles of groomed snowmobile trail, and approximately 25,000 acres of area open to snowmobile riding), however they also focus on areas of special concern and closed or restricted areas. Patrols are also conducted along the wilderness boundaries, particularly associated with snowmobile intrusions into Mokelumne Wilderness.

## 7. Prevention of OHV trespass - Measures (Page 3)

- c. Measures to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas 5

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Barriers and/or signing are used to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas (3 points)  
☒ Education programs, maps and/or brochures provided to the public address OHV trespass, including respect for private property (2 points)

Explain measures utilized to prevent OHV trespass into neighboring properties and/or closed areas

To prevent OHV intrusion into closed or sensitive areas, the ENF will enforce the new Motor Vehicle Use Map restricting motor vehicle travel off designated roads or trails. This restriction protects semi-primitive non-motorized areas, research natural areas, meadows, and other sensitive areas. The Forest educates the public about these restrictions by regularly producing press releases, posting information on our website, bulletin boards, in offices, etc., and by attending public events and meetings (County Fairs, club meetings and events, etc.). The Forest has installed signs, barriers, and gates to prohibit travel in sensitive areas (dwarf manzanita, Georgetown RD; wildlife habitat in Fleming Meadow area, Placerville RD; and deer winter range closure in Rock Creek area; past wilderness incursions into Mokelumne Wilderness). Enforcement of the MVUM will prevent some incursions into private land, particularly where the private landowners have attempted to restrict access to their lands.

## 8. OHV Education

### 8 OHV Education - Page 1

- a. Education materials available onsite 10

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Free literature is provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices (5 points)  
☒ Bulletin boards, signs or kiosks, at the majority of staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers provide information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation (5 points)

- b. Applicant or Land Manager provides formal programs, educational talks, school field trips, etc. to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices: 1

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 50 or more per year (3 points) ☐ 20 to 49 times per year (2 points)  
☒ 5 to 19 times per year (1 point) ☐ Less than 5 times per year (No points)

## 8. OHV Education - Page 2

- c. When Facility is open, staff are available at trailheads, visitor centers and/or entrance stations to provide information on safe and responsible OHV use 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Daily (5 points) ☐ On all weekends (4 points)  
☐ On the majority of weekends (2 points) ☐ On major holidays (1 points)  
☐ None of the above (No points)

- d. ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation approved training courses are offered 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Weekly (3 points) ☐ Monthly (1 point)  
☒ Less frequently than monthly (No points)

Describe Land Manager's onsite education efforts:

Forest website provides information regarding responsible OHV riding practices and identifies appropriate OHV riding opportunities. provide a variety of maps and Recreation Opportunity Guides, i.e., Rock Creek area, Elkins Flat area, Gold Note area, Silver Bear OSV Trail, and District Motor Vehicle Use maps; maintain information boards and kiosks at popular OHV routes and areas, provide the public with various brochures, such as one explaining our travel management rules, information about picking your own camping spot, and cultural resource protection. Public contacts at our District Offices and by Forest patrollers in the field; hand out various brochures, maps, or other information along with Tread Lightly information; two volunteer information stations hosted by OHV clubs and groups (Rubicon 4WD trail in the summer, Mormon Emigrant Trail in the winter); news releases at the beginning of the summer to inform visitors about travel restrictions; attend County Fairs, etc.

## 9. Website

- a. OHV outreach efforts are accomplished through the Land Manager's website 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (skip to question 10) ☒ Yes (provide URL address and answer item b)

Provide URL address [www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/eldorado)

- b. The Land Manager's website contains the following items 5

(Check all that apply) - Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points. (Please select applicable values)

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map to location                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hours of operation             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety information                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visitor facilities                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contact information | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> News releases                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information on responsible riding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Map of Facilities   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee schedule                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seasonal restrictions             | <input type="checkbox"/> Link to Division Website       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law enforcement contact information |

## 10. OHV Outreach

Check all forms of OHV outreach the Applicant utilizes: 3

Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 3 points. (Please select applicable values)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billboards                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CDs and/or DVDs |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community meetings  | <input type="checkbox"/> OHV dealers                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fairs               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> News releases   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)                | <input type="checkbox"/> Television                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parades                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Programs at schools |   |



## 11. Natural and Cultural Resources

### 11. Natural and Cultural Resources - Page 1

- a. Is the Land Manager's OHV area a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation?

0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (answer item b)

☐ Yes (5 points, explain and then skip to item 12)

Explain 'Yes' response

### 11. Natural and Cultural Resources - Page 2

- b. Resource Management Information System 5

Does the Land Manager maintain a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:

- Ongoing survey/inventory of species
- Ongoing survey/inventory of archeological sites
- Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations
- Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species;
- Recommendations for improvement in species management
- Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species? (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Reference Document

ENF Land and Resource Management Plan, Habitat Management Plan, Annual Heritage Resource Report

## 12. Soil Management

### 12. Soil Management - Page 1

- a. Land Manager has developed a systematic methodology for evaluating soil conditions of its OHV Opportunities? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response The ENF follows water quality Best Management Practices that are established at the Regional level (copies available at the Forest office). These BMPs address practices for road building and maintenance, vegetative manipulation, OHV management, management of other recreation sites, and other activities. Implementation of these BMPs protects water quality and other sensitive resources that are affected by or dependent on clean water. The Eldorado Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (previously submitted to OHMVR Div) establishes standards and guidelines for the management of activities on the ENF. These standards and guidelines are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species across the Forest, including in the areas where OHV use occurs. Specific standards and guidelines relating to OHV use include restricting OHV use to designated roads and trails, limiting the density of roads or trails open to OHV use within deer winter range and fawning areas, avoiding roads in meadows, etc.

- b. Land Manager has developed methods to address soil issues? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response The Forest follows road and trail construction and maintenance standards, and utilizes BMPs to address soil issues during operations and new construction. The Forest utilizes the FS Region 5 standards and recommendations that were developed for OHV trail maintenance using a trail tractor and other mechanized equipment.

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- c. Land Manager performs soil monitoring 2

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ Monthly (3 points)

☒ After major rain events (2 points)

☐ Annually (No points)

## 13. Sound Level Testing

The Applicant or Land Manager conducts, or causes to be conducted, sound level testing 4

(Check only one if applicable) (Please select one from list)

☒ On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (4 points)

☐ At least 25% but less than 50% of holidays and weekends (2 points)

☐ Less than 25% of holidays and weekends (No points)

Describe the sound testing program

Eldorado Forest maintains 4 sound meters for use by OHV Patrollers and LEOs, and has them calibrated annually. OHV Patrollers conduct formal sound tests and enforce restrictions at times during the primary use season, and more commonly conduct courtesy and informal sound tests during the use season. Sound testing is routinely conducted during OHV events, working closely with the OHV event coordinator. The Forest submitted several hundred Sound Check cards to the OHV Division in 2008.